

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:

--APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING A VEHICLE OCCUPANT --.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.